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PHILIP HERSHKOVITZ, 1909-1997

Philip Hershkovitz, Curator Emeritus of Mammals, died on February 15, 1997 at Northwestern Memorial Hospital, at age 87. Phil joined the staff of the Field Museum in 1947, after a stint with the Special Services Unit in Europe during World War II. Phil had been working productively nearly every day until he broke his femur about three weeks before his death. At the time of his death, Phil had four major papers in press, bringing his lifetime total to over 160 technical and over 100 non-technical publications. His best-known work was a monumental volume on New World primates, but he published on a wide range of mammals from South America. His field experience was equally extensive, with several months to several years spent in each of the following: Ecuador, Colombia, Surinam, Bolivia, Peru, and Brazil; the most recent of these trips was in 1992. Phil is survived by two sons, a son-in-law, and two grandchildren.

A memorial service for Phil will be held on Thursday, February 27, at 4:30 p.m. in Montgomery Ward Hall. All are welcome.

PRESIDENT'S STAFF TALK
BY
JOHN W. MCCARTER, JR.
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1997 AT 8:45 A.M.
IN MONTGOMERY WARD HALL
ALL INVITED

Congratulations!

It's a girl !! Nadia Marie Kendra was born February 13, 1997 at 9:53 pm, weighing in at 7 lbs. 11oz. and measuring 20".
CONGRATULATIONS to Mom **Nadine Kendra** (Museum Affairs) and Grandma **Pat Phillips** (Finance) !!!!

AFRICAN HERITAGE FESTIVAL '97: THE HAITIAN CONNECTION

All Field Museum staff, volunteers and participating community members are to be thanked and congratulated on pulling off a very successful African Heritage Festival, February 1, 2, 10, and 11. Festivities included Haitian music, food, activities for children, and demonstrations by local educators and their students. Much effort was put into a project which ran on a very tight schedule and limited resources. The Field Museum showed great enthusiasm and persevered as the community watched. This year's Festival in conjunction with the exhibit opening of "Sacred Arts of Haitian Vodou" won rave reviews. Visitor attendance for Saturday was 4,896 visitors and for Sunday was 3,763 visitors. A warm thanks is extended to all departments and staff who pulled together to make the Festival a success.